Alberta Population Report

June 29, 2006 — First Quarter, 2006

Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth between April 1 of 2005 and 2006 continues to be the highest among all provinces. As of April 1, 2006, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,332,225. This represents a growth of approximately 92,500 persons (or 2.85%) for the year ending April 1, 2006. British Columbia and Ontario had the next strongest growth rates among the provinces at 1.27% and 1.09% respectively.

The following table presents the population estimates and yearly growth rates for Canada and Alberta since April 1, 2002.

TABLE 1: **NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, APRIL 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
April 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
2002	31,265,843		3,100,798	
2003	31,573,504	0.98%	3,147,233	1.50%
2004	31,877,982	0.96%	3,192,421	1.44%
2005	32,173,890	0.93%	3,239,739	1.48%
2006	32,501,147	1.02%	3,332,225	2.85%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for April 1, 2006 for all provinces and territories are provided in Table 2 below. The twelve-month population growth rates since April 1, 2005 are also included.

Migration

During the first quarter of 2006, Alberta continued to have the largest interprovincial migration gain of 15,600 in Canada as many more people moving into than leaving Alberta.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the first quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta. (Please see cautious note at the end of Table 3 on the next page.)

Natural Increase

Between January 1 and March 31 of 2006, Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of approximately 5,000 people. The province had 10,100 births versus 5,100 deaths in this quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF APRIL 1, 2006 & GROWTH RATES SINCE APRIL 1, 2005**

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	512,509	138,307	935,824	750,504	7,636,710	12,630,547	1,179,681	988,980	3,332,225	4,292,166	31,069	42,179	30,446
Growth Rate	0.75%	0.35%	0.21%	0.24%	0.71%	1.09%	0.28%	-0.56%	2.85%	1.27%	0.61%	-2.01%	2.16%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2006

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	80	267	178	8	1,246	44	12	2,180	157	12	50	98
Prince Edward I.	44	0	203	158	19	196	4	34	241	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	424	185	0	519	168	1,477	83	7	1,604	275	18	0	0
New Brunswick	170	105	583	0	536	870	37	9	1,050	223	8	8	0
Quebec	82	95	163	431	0	3,761	46	53	1,353	826	0	42	20
Ontario	1,031	372	1,266	878	3,253	0	1,293	359	6,600	3,873	5	99	38
Manitoba	53	22	101	57	79	1,131	0	545	1,951	1,085	8	24	41
Saskatchewan	36	59	30	42	34	382	681	0	4,335	802	19	14	5
Alberta	507	50	508	218	431	2,268	832	1,914	0	5,374	62	184	42
British Columbia	105	0	280	167	363	2,470	414	486	7,736	0	101	97	30
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	5	15	17	0	12	183	147	0	58	0
Northwest Terr.	40	0	12	9	0	111	10	67	691	113	50	0	31
Nunavut Terr.	11	6	12	17	10	97	19	0	39	28	0	55	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,503	974	3,425	2,679	4,916	14,026	3,463	3,498	27,963	12,903	283	631	305
Out Migration	4,332	899	4,760	3,599	6,872	19,067	5,097	6,439	12,390	12,249	437	1,134	294
Net Migration	-1,829	75	-1,335	-920	-1,956	-5,041	-1,634	-2,941	15,573	654	-154	-503	11

Source: Statistics Canada

Note to Users:

Similar to the previous two quarters, the first quarter interprovincial migration estimates to Alberta are seen to be on the high side. Users are cautioned that the first quarter of 2006 migration data may be adjusted by Statistics Canada in future releases.

Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration
2001									
Jan-Mar	12,964	8,471	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	601	405	**2,604**	**7,097**
Apr-Jun	16,533	11,103	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	665	782	**3,242**	**8,672**
Jul-Sep	25,737	16,805	**8,932**	4,578	2,111	1,030	1,038	**2,475**	**11,407**
Oct-Dec	15,261	9,502	**5,759**	3,548	904	650	503	**2,497**	**8,256**
Total	*70,495*	*45,881*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*5,356*	*2,946*	*2,728*	***10,819***	***35,433***
2002									
Jan-Mar	16,033	10,241	**5,792**	3,931	715	592	403	**3,027**	**8,819**
Apr-Jun	18,584	12,832	**5,752**	4,601	943	663	824	**3,819**	**9,571**
Jul-Sep	22,290	18,185	**4,105**	3,090	1,673	992	788	**1,213**	**5,318**
Oct-Dec	12,121	9,887	**2,234**	3,130	838	680	296	**1,908**	**4,142**
Total	*69,028*	*51,145*	***17,883***	*14,752*	*4,169*	*2,927*	*2,311*	***9,967***	***27,850***
2003									
Jan-Mar	14,036	11,453	**2,583**	3,102	634	603	374	**2,239**	**4,822**
Apr-Jun	16,180	13,199	**2,981**	4,297	779	658	524	**3,384**	**6,365**
Jul-Sep	18,554	15,549	**3,005**	4,576	1,738	1,004	788	**2,622**	**5,627**
Oct-Dec	10,715	9,030	**1,685**	3,864	847	677	296	**2,636**	**4,321**
Total	*59,485*	*49,231*	***10,254***	*15,839*	*3,998*	*2,942*	*1,982*	***10,881***	***21,135***
2004									
Jan-Mar	13,869	10,671	**3,198**	4,073	637	600	374	**3,210**	**6,408**
Apr-Jun	17,684	14,966	**2,718**	4,606	784	654	523	**3,691**	**6,409**
Jul-Sep	18,510	16,882	**1,628**	4,521	1,761	1,006	788	**2,542**	**4,170**
Oct-Dec	13,123	9,674	**3,449**	3,274	854	677	296	**2,039**	**5,488**
Total	*63,186*	*52,193*	***10,993***	*16,474*	*4,036*	*2,937*	*1,981*	***11,482***	***22,475***
2005									
Jan-Mar	16,386	11,443	**4,943**	4,357	640	599	374	**3,492**	**8,435**
Apr-Jun	22,711	16,116	**6,595**	5,201	788	652	523	**4,284**	**10,879**
Jul-Sep	29,882	16,772	**13,110**	5,594	1,776	1,006	788	**3,600**	**16,710**
Oct-Dec	24,997	7,938	**17,059**	4,241	859	677	296	**3,001**	**20,060**
Total	*93,976*	*52,269*	***41,707***	*19,393*	*4,063*	*2,934*	*1,981*	***14,377***	***56,084***
2006									
Jan-Mar	27,963	12,390	**15,573**	4,641	642	599	374	**3,774**	**19,347**
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	**n/a**
Jul-Sep	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	**n/a**
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	**n/a**
Total	*27,963*	*12,390*	***15,573***	*4,641*	*642*	*599*	*374*	***3,774***	***19,347***

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